that there would be no water available for this project after catering to the needs of on-going Stage-I of the project. The Stage-II proposal was, therefore, returned to the State Government in May, 1989.

Point to Point Contact Dialling Facility in Andhra Pradesh

1307. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide point to point contact dialling facility in various Telephone Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof exchange-wise and the time by which this facility is likely to be available to the subscribers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of Damanjodi Alumina Plant

1308. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have approved the proposal for expansion of Alumina Plant at Damanjodi in Orissa;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the details of the additional staff required on expansion of the said Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) According to the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by the National Aluminium Company (NALCO) the additional manpower requirement for expansion of Aluminium plant at Damanjodi is about 650.

[*Translation*]

Constitution of Telephone Advisory Committee in Bihar

1309. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in constituting the Telephone Advisory Committee in Bihar; and

(b) the time by which the said Committee is likely to be constituted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Bihar Telecom Advisory Committee and Patna Telephones Advisory Committees were constituted on 28-29/3/1991 and are under review.

[*English*]

Production of Betel Leaves

1310. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of the betel leaves produced in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide minimum support price to the betel leaf growers and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken so far by the Government for the welfare of betel leaf growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The estimated average value of annual production of betel leaves during the last 3 years is Rs. 700/- crores.